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FROM COLONEL STANWIX.

CAMP NEAR CARLISLE 11th. July 1757

SIR

had I had any Oppertunity of returning an Answer to the Favour of yours of the 24th. of June should have acknowledged it much sooner but would not mis the Oppertunity of this Express to Mr. Atkins wch. I send in the manner as Goverr. Denny tells me the letter is to him of moment from Sir William Johnson and that if he has left your Country you will know how to Forward it to him. I have had severl. partys out Scouting on these Borders as far as Raystown & so on over these North Mountains nothing material, a few stragling Indians this week who have shot on Women & Children but killed as yet one Horse, Col:

Wesser¹ tells me his is pesterd with a good many more of them on their borders from the Susquehanna & where a good deal of Mischief has been done but they should have there & at Shemokin 600 Provincials at least or 800 as none are yet gone to S. Carolina,

as to your Country Militia all I believe we are to expect from them is their Guarding the Forts in Case the Provincials march forward except they were to go upon a Comand they liked this might carry them out of their Country.

there is no doubt but Adl. Holburn has joyn'd Lord Loudoun before this off Hallifax we may soon expect to here of something being attempted in the North which at present takes up

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the whole attention both of Europe & America, your willingness to allow me to wait upon you wth. the Troop, and your Command is very Obliging, and no orders from me shall move you from your present Station where you had Instructions to remain, except the most Urgent Necessity, my General Instructions are to remain here where I am trying to throw up some useful retrenchmts. but shall think myself justified to march when it appears to me that the publick service on the back of any of these southern provinces may want Assistance, I beg you will believe that I am very truly

Dr Sir Your most obedt. humble Servt. JOHN STANWIX

1 Colonel Conrad Weisser?